

REMARKS

These remarks and the accompanying amendments are responsive to the Office Action made final dated November 15, 2006. At the time of the last examination, Claims 1-10 were pending, of which Claims 1 and 6-10 are independent. By this amendment, all of the independent claims 1 and 6-10 are amended, and no claims are cancelled or added, leaving Claims 1-10 available for further consideration by the Examiner upon entry of the amendments.

Section 3 of the Office Action rejected independent Claims 1, 6, 7 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by United States patent number 6,366,777 issued to Uusitalo (the patent hereinafter referred to simply as "Uusitalo").

Uusitalo discloses a mobile terminal being loadable with a plurality of recording media and a subscriber information management apparatus for maintaining indicating that at least two SIM cards are associated with a particular MSISDN number (see col. 5 lines 34-37).

However, Uusitalo does not disclose and give any suggestion that when a detecting means of a mobile terminal detects at least two recording media, the mobile terminal sends first subscriber identity information along with (simultaneously) second subscriber identity information corresponding to a newly detected recording medium a to a subscriber information management apparatus.

More specifically, in Uusitalo, a location update message indicating single subscriber identity information to be activated is sent from the mobile terminal to the subscriber information management apparatus, and the single subscriber identity information is registered as active. Thus, in Uusitalo, the only one of subscriber identity information respectively corresponding to a plurality of SIM cards loaded on the mobile terminal is activated and the rest of subscriber

identity information is/are deactivated (see Col. 4 lines 48-59, Col.5 lines 52-63, and Col.6 lines 9-10, 42-45).

In addition, in Uusitalo, because at least two SIM cards are associated with a particular M818DN number for the mobile terminal, the mobile terminal can not use multiple telephone numbers in parallel for outgoing/incoming calls.

Meanwhile, the mobile terminal of the present invention comprises transmitting means for transmitting, when said detecting means detects at least two recording media, first subscriber identity information ... along with second subscriber identity information corresponding to a newly detected recording medium so that the location area information of the second subscriber identity information is associated with the first subscriber identification information and is registered, to said subscriber information management apparatus. Correspondingly, the subscriber information management apparatus comprises receiving means for receiving the first subscriber identity information along with the second subscriber identity information from the mobile terminal.

Consequently, in the claimed embodiment, when location area information of the subscriber identity information each of which is corresponding to one of recording media simultaneously loaded onto single mobile terminal are registered, two or more identity information are activated, and the mobile terminal becomes capable to communicate by these identity information. For example, the user of the mobile terminal can simultaneously establish communications (outgoing/incoming calls/e-mails) using two or more telephone numbers or e-mail address (see description on page 9, lines 19-23, page 19, lines 2-6, page 29, line 14 to page 30, line 3, and page 31, lines 1-16).

Regarding Section 8 of the Office Action, Uusitalo does not disclose and give any suggestion that a mobile network system comprising managing means for managing communication state of a mobile terminal having at least two telephone numbers or mail addresses, ... said mobile terminal is able to establish simultaneous communications with any of said at least two telephone numbers or mail addresses when the location area information of the subscriber identities are registered.

Accordingly, the rejection of Claims 1-10 should be withdrawn. In the event that the Examiner finds remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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